

product of crystallite sizes as found from the diffraction peaks of indexes of planes (020), (101) and (200) is not smaller than 200,000nm³.

14. ☒ (New) A zinc borate according to claim 1 wherein a volume-based median diameter as found by a laser diffraction method is in a range of from 1.0 to 6.0µm.

15. ☒ (New) A zinc borate according to claim 13 wherein a volume-based median diameter as found by a laser diffraction method is in a range of from 1.0 to 6.0µm.

16. ☒ (New) A flame-retarding agent or a flame-retarding assistant comprising the zinc borate of claim 1.

17. ☒ (New) A flame-retarding agent or a flame-retarding assistant comprising the zinc borate of claim 14.

18. ☒ (New) A flame-retarding agent or a flame-retarding assistant comprising the zinc borate of claim 15.

19. ☒ (New) A smoke-suppressing agent comprising the zinc borate of claim 1.

20. ☒ (New) A smoke-suppressing agent comprising the zinc borate of claim 14.

21. ☒ (New) A smoke-suppressing agent comprising the zinc borate of claim 15.

22. ☒ (New) An antibacterial agent comprising the zinc borate of claim 1.

23. ☒ (New) An antibacterial agent comprising the zinc borate of claim 14.

24. ☒ (New) An antibacterial agent comprising the zinc borate of claim 15.

25. ☒ (New) A water glass-curing agent comprising the zinc borate of claim 1.

26. ☒ (New) A water glass-curing agent comprising the zinc borate of claim 14.

27. ☒ (New) A water glass-curing agent comprising the zinc borate of claim 15.--